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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 12, 2006, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

The Listing of claims may be found on pages 2-7.

The Remarks may be found on pages 8-14.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time are required at this time. However, if extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees (including net addition of claims) required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.